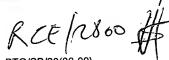
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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application

filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a E to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  a. [X] Previously submitted  i. [X] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 8, 2003  ii. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. [] Other  b. [] Enclosed  i. [] Amendment/Reply  ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  iv. [] Other  2. Miscellaneous  a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1993(c) for a period of months.(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)) required.
b. [ ] Other
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